

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008 MEETING

MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2

MEETING BEGAN AT 7:30PM

Jeff Weiss, chairperson, began the meeting with the following opening statement:

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Commission, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting.

Roll call taken

Paula Broglia – present

Sherry Cilea – present

Suzi Leifer – present

Debi Richards – present

Navdeep Sandhu – present

Nanci Susino – present

Jeff Weiss – present

Jen Goldstein – present, withdrew from committee

Venny Zamarra – not present

Nominations and Appointment

Secretary - Debi Richards nominated by Sherry Cilea, seconded by Nanci Susino – all in favor - Nomination accepted

Assistant Secretary – Suzi Leifer nominated by Debi Richards, seconded by Navdeep Sandhu –all in favor- Nomination accepted

Treasurer – Paula Broglia nominated by Nanci Susino, seconded by Sherry Cilea – all in favor- Nomination accepted

Website/Channel 77 Liaison – Sherry Cilea nominated by Debi Richards, seconded by Nancy Susino -all in favor- Nomination accepted

Goals of Shade Tree Commission

- a. Establish policies that guide overall community tree program
 - Jeff Weiss handed out Chapter 32 Shade Tree Committee code book for Marlboro Township Shade Tree Committee.
 - Discussion of possible amendments to the code book.
 - Tree ordinance improvements – commission should investigate policies to see if committee needs to strengthen current tree ordinances to better protect private trees.
 - Goal for next meeting -- read chapter 32 and discuss at next meeting.

- b. Educate the public about the benefits of trees and proper tree care

- Discussion of school programs, use of channel 77 as a form of communicating and educating Marlboro Residents.
- c. Obtain funding to support the community tree program
 - Discussion included possible funding from the township and grants from the Tree City USA organization
 - Importance of becoming members of Tree City USA and New Jersey Shade Tree federation discussed by Jeff Weiss

Arbor Day

Discussion of possible township celebration for Arbor Day in conjunction with school activities. Decide if subcommittee needs to be established.

Open Questions for next meeting

1. Does the town have a conservation officer?
2. Does the township engineer have data regarding Shade Trees in the town?
3. How does Marlboro acquire trees from the state and who_____ plants the trees?
4. Has the township set up funding for the Shade Tree committee?

Next meeting day will be February 25, 2008, 7:30pm – Municipal Complex, Room 3

Meeting will be the last Monday of every month and subject to change.

Adjournment at 8:30pm

